



Atty. Dkt. No. 016906-0529

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Francesc SANTANACH et al.  
Title: FIXING DEVICE FOR AN EXPANSION VALVE OF A MOTOR  
VEHICLE AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM  
Appl. No.: 10/585,762  
International Filing Date: 12/8/2004  
371(c) Date: 08/22/07  
Examiner: Michael P. Ferguson  
Art Unit: 3679  
Confirmation Number: 7826

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission **required** under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Enclosed are:

☒ Amendment/Reply.

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## Miscellaneous:

☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

|  | Claims as Amended | Previously Paid For | Extra Claims Present | Rate       | Fee Totals |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|
| RCE Fee 1.17(e):                                     |                   |                     |                      | \$810.00   | = \$810.00 |
| Total Claims:  | 16                | - 20                | = 0                  | x \$52.00  | = \$0.00   |
| Independents   | 1                 | - 3                 | = 0                  | x \$220.00 | = \$0.00   |
| First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: |                   |                     |                      | + \$390.00 | = \$0.00   |
| CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:                                    |                   |                     |                      |            | = \$810.00 |

☐ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

|  |            |   |          |
|--|------------|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the first month:      | \$130.00   | 0 | \$0.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the second month:     | \$490.00   |   | \$0.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the third month:      | \$1,110.00 |   | \$0.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fourth month:     | \$1,730.00 |   | \$0.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fifth month:      | \$2,350.00 |   | \$0.00   |
| EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:  |            |   | \$0.00   |
| EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -  |            |   | \$0.00   |
| EXTENSION FEE TOTAL  |            |   | \$0.00   |
| CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:  |            |   | \$810.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):            |            |   | \$0.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) |            |   | \$0.00   |
| TOTAL FEE:   |            |   | \$810.00 |

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$810.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

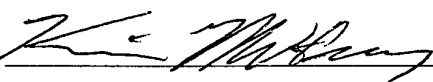
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date August 19, 2010

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